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The Office of Brownfields Assistance

Brownfields
are abandoned
or under-used
industrial and
commercial
properties with
actual or perceived
contamination and
an active potential
for redevelopment.

Brownfields Assistance Program



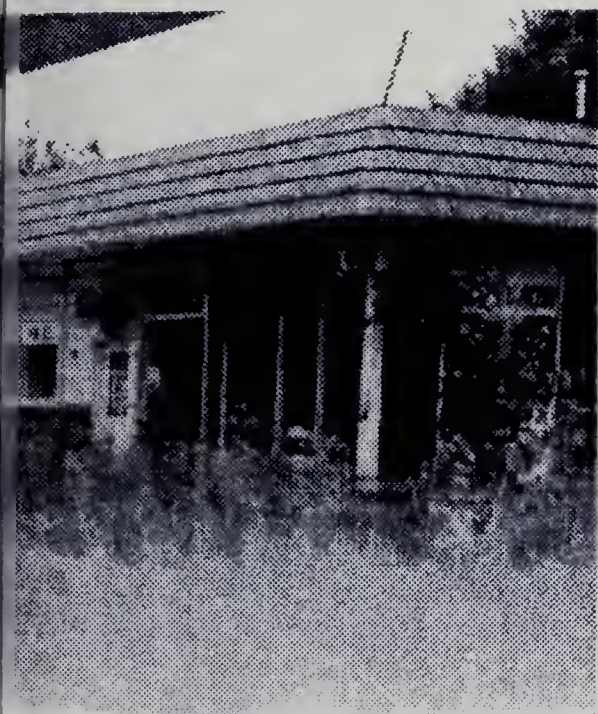


Brownfields Representatives

City leaders who are eager to return brownfields properties to productive use soon find it can be a complicated process. Local governments may lack the expertise and resources needed to locate funding, negotiate property transactions, perform environmental investigations and cleanups, and resolve legal concerns. Staff from the OBA, called Brownfields Representatives, regularly assist cities in taking on those vacant factories and closed gas stations.

Brownfields Representatives will travel to communities and sit down with city leaders upon request to:

- Explain cleanup options, regulatory program requirements, and environmental liability status;
- Help municipalities secure public and private financial assistance; and
- Guide potential grant and loan recipients through the brownfields cleanup and redevelopment process.



Illinois Brownfields Redevelopment Grant Program

The Brownfields Redevelopment Grant Program offers grants worth a maximum of \$120,000 each to municipalities to inventory and investigate brownfields properties. Grants may be used to perform environmental site assessments and prepare cleanup plans,

but cannot fund actual cleanup activities. Grant recipients are required to share in any grant award through a 70/30 match.

The OBA steers municipalities to brownfield grant opportunities, reviews and approves grant applications, observes grant activities, and reviews reimbursement requests.

Illinois Brownfields Redevelopment Loan Program

The Illinois Brownfields Redevelopment Loan Program offers low interest loans to support efforts by local governments and private parties to clean up brownfields sites that have already been assessed for contamination. These cleanups take place under the Illinois EPA's voluntary Site Remediation Program. The loans will pay for limited investigation, remediation, and demolition costs at brownfields sites.

The maximum loan amount for any single loan application is \$500,000.

The OBA administers the loan program, which includes soliciting loan applications and managing funds.

For More Information

To request the services of a Brownfields Representative, please call:
217-785-9407

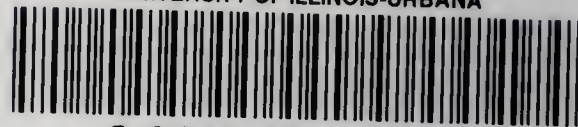
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Using a drill rig, environmental contractors collect soil samples to measure the extent of petroleum contamination. Their work is funded by a brownfields redevelopment grant obtained by city officials aiming to bring a new business to this former gas station site.

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The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Brownfields Assistance (OBA) manages the brownfields grant and loan programs and offers technical support to communities through the services of its Brownfields Representatives.

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